

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 2 and 11 have been examined and have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

**I. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)**

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2,428,908 to Cooper et al. ("Cooper").

On December 6, 2006, the undersigned conducted an Interview with the Examiner. During the Examiner Interview, claim 1 was discussed in view of the Cooper reference. Possible amendments of claim 1 were also discussed, but no agreement was reached.

Applicant submits that the above comments serve as a statement of substance of interview.

**A. Claim 1**

Applicant submits that claim 1 is patentable over the cited reference. For example, claim 1 recites a handle mounted to one of the left and right side plates of the reel body, where the handle is provided to rotate the spool to wind a fishing line on the spool.

Applicant submits that Cooper fails to teach or suggest the above feature. In particular, Cooper fails to teach or suggest that a handle, for rotating a spool, is provided on a right or left side plate of a reel body. Rather, Cooper specifically discloses that the stud 24, which carries the sleeve 25 (i.e., the handle), is provided on the spool 16 itself (col. 2, line 60 to col. 3, line 5).

At least based on the foregoing, Applicant submits that claim 1 is patentable over the cited reference and respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection.

**B. Claims 2 and 11**

Since claims 2 and 11 are dependent upon claim 1, Applicant submits that such claims are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency.

**II. Conclusion**

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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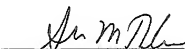
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